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1. Armored personnel carriers and tractors for artillery are being assembled at the Lythall Works, operated by the Red Army. Production in October 1952 was 63 pieces. The engines are 85 hp. The main plant is at Neubrandenburg, with auxiliary plants at Warnemünde and Gustrow, Mecklenburg. The sides of both vehicles are 3 cm thick.
2. ¹Werk Louis Schopper, Leipzig: This plant is currently working on orders for the MAS machine shops. On order are 9 lathes, each with a bed length of 2 meters; 12 lathes, 1.5 meters; 3 motor grinders; and several boring, milling and planing machines. Two turret speed lathes and a cartridge drawing machine with base plate were delivered to Zeithain, near Riesa, on 27 September 1952. Several cases full of forge tools and lathe parts have been manufactured for the Mockrehna ammunition works. Cartridge drawing and drilling machines are also made for the Soviet Union; three machines were delivered in October.
3. According to reports of workmen, Mockrehna has six large workshops in which there are 780 machines. The daily production comprises about 3,200 shells of 55 mm and 88 mm, and 2,000 land mines and hand grenades. The finished munitions are sent by special trains to Döberitz or Priemerwald.
4. VVB Mewa: Has been granted a credit of 25 million DM East by the government. New machinery has been ordered to the amount of 5,000,000 DM.
5. The VEB Leipziger Bekleidungswerk has to provide 105,000 overcoats and uniforms for the Volkspolizei out of its reparations production.
6. The VEB Holzbauwerk has received an order for 5,000 sentry boxes from the Economic Planning Bureau in Berlin (Wirtschaftsplanung).

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7. A grant of 2,700,000 DM has been made for the rebuilding of the Dürerhof airplane engine works near Eisenach. The work has already begun.
8. Waggonbau Weimar: Six welding crews have been working three shifts for the past three weeks at this plant, welding front armor on previously delivered Soviet tanks. The plates are 40 mm thick. The tanks are for the Volkspolizei, about 240 have been fitted with plates to date. Parts for ore cars have been welded since about 15 October 1952.
9. IFA Karosseriewerk Leipzig: This plant builds and mounts tanks for tank cars; 29 were mounted in October 1952. The tanks are of 5,000 liters capacity. Bodies and parts for IFA 3.5 and 5 ton trucks are built for the IFA-Fahrzeugbau. In October, 52 complete 3.5 ton bodies for Horch trucks were built. Ten 10,000 liter tank cars were delivered to a Soviet field postal unit.
10. The former Büssingwerke, Leipzig N 26, is under Soviet guard. It repairs Soviet vehicles in the Leipzig area, and has also commenced building cars, chiefly repair trucks. Six vehicles were built in October. German workmen are employed. The outfitting of these repair trucks is done by the former Büssingwerke in Berlin-Oberschöneweide, a works at Wurzen, the SAG Bleichert in Leipzig, Sag Unruh & Liebig, and VEB Köllmannswerke. These plants supply finished lathes, welding outfits, field forges and emergency power sets. Tool sets are supplied by the machinists' union.
11. Gerätebau Schönebeck-Elbe: This plant is currently outfitting cargo trucks with charging sets. They are for Soviet armored units. The charging sets have a 45 hp Diesel engine which drives a dynamo. The trucks are pre-delivered by the Russians. Eighty-seven finished cars left the plant in October 1952. A special body for mounting the engines will be built in the plant.
12. Walzlager Frankenthal: The program for the year 1952 was 100 percent fulfilled on 15 November 1952. On this account the plant has been laying off workmen, keeping only the most skilled. The present employment roll is about 1,200. The only orders on hand at present are for the Wismut -AG. In addition, ball bearings of all sizes are manufactured for tanks, auto couplings, gun mounts and guns for the Soviet Union. The present force of 1,200 men turns out 3,500 bearings per shift, of 1.10 meters diameter. Brakes with bearings, used in tanks and automobiles, are produced with the following rate per shift: 1,200 pieces, 1,200 pieces, from 2 to 6 cm, 900 pieces from 6 to 22 cm, and 1,400 pieces from 22 to 110 cm.

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